

has immediately constituted a Code of Inquiry. The Code of Inquiry report will come within three months. In the meanwhile, I constituted Committee with CMPD as the Chairman. That Committee report is going to come soon. As soon as that report comes, I think, we can assess who is responsible for the accident. And, Sir, we have taken a lot of measures because there are many....

डा० प्रभा डाकुरः सर, मैंने मंत्री जी से यह पूछा था कि क्या मुआवजा राशि दे दी गई है और कितनी-कितनी दी गई तथा क्या सब के आश्रितों को, उनके एकजू में, वहां नौकरी दे दी गई है?

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO: I will send all the details. Already special *ex-gratia* has also been given. The Prime Minister Relief Fund has also given one more lakh of rupees. So, I will give all the details.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Non-functioning of telephones under Jaisinghpur telephone exchange

*321. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many telephones under Jaisinghpur telephone exchange in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh remain out of order for most of the time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this behalf;

(c) whether Government have taken any note not to charge rent for such period from the subscribers of such telephones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Sir, the telephones of Jaisinghpur telephone exchange in District Kangra are generally working

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satisfactorily. However telephone breakdowns (as and when occurs) are promptly attended.

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has laid down following norms for grant of rent rebate:-

Sl.No.	Period of continuous faults	Rent rebate
1	Faults pending for upto 3 days	Nil
2	Faults pending for more than 3 days but not more than 7 days	7 days
3	Faults pending for more than 7 days but not more than 15 days	15 days
4	Faults pending for more than 15 days.	One month

(d) The details of rent rebate approved for faulty telephones corresponding to Jaisinghpur Telephone exchange from June, 2006 to October, 2006 are as below:

Sl. No.	Month	No. of telephone fault for more than 3 days in the month	Total amount of rent rebate (in Rs.)
1	June 06	55	1,991/-
2	July 06	48	1,986/-
3	August 06	58	2,276/-
4	September 06	56	2,152/-
5	October 06	49	1,685/-

Eradication of manual scavenging

†*328. Sh. MAHENDRA SAHNI:

SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the practice of carrying night soil manually is still going on in the country despite having been declared illegal;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

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